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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE REFUGEES FROM ANGOLA

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1. LOCAL PRESS REPORT JAN. 22 THAT SOME 700 PORTUGUESE REFUGEES OF 1000 EXPECTED FROM NORTHERN ANGOLA HAD ARRIVED IN KINSHASA YES-TERDAY AND WERE BEING LODGED IN CENTERS AROUND CITY. IN INTERVIEW, PORTUGUESE CONSUL MONTEIRO EXPRESSED HIS PLEASURE AT RECEPTION AFFORDED THEM BY ZAIRIAN AUTHORITIES. HE ALSO NOTED THAT GOP EXPECTED TO STAGE AIRLIFT BETWEEN KINSHASA AND LISBON ONCE AGREEMENT REACHED WITH GOZ, BUT THAT MOST OF REFUGEES WERE WAITING FOR CALM TO BE RESTORED IN ANGOLA SO THAT THEY COULD RETURN TO THAT COUNTRY. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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2. COMMENT: IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFFS JAN. 20, MONTEIRO WAS FULL OF PRAISE FOR COOPERATION GOZ EXTENDING REFUGEES, FOR WHOM HE RESPONSIBLE, HE SAID, ARE PRIMARILY PORTUGUESE BUT INCLUDE SOME ANGOLANS. THEY ARE BEING HOSTED BY GOZ AT PRESIDENTIAL ESTATE NSELE, AND ARE EXTREMELY WELL TEATED. GOZ HAS BEEN PROVIDING BUS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SEVICE FOR THEM TO TOWN. GOZ HAS ALSO BEEN PROVIDING SAME SERVICE

FOR THOSE FLEEING ANGOLA FROM BORDER TO KINSHASA. COST OF GOZ ASSISTANCE TO DATE HAS BEEN APPROXIMATELY \$80,000. MONTEIRO NOTED THAT MANY OF REFUGEES ARE SEEKING EMPLOYMENT IN ZAIRE AND GOZ IS FACILITATING THEIR SEARCH HE UNDERSTOOD THAT APPROXIMATELY 480 PORTUGUESE WERE STILL IN SAN SALVADOR, UNABLE TO LEAVE REPORTEDLY DUE TO REFUSAL OF FNLA WHICH SEEKING, ACCORDING TO HIM, TO PREVENT PANIC. HE ALSO SAID MANY WERE BEING DEPRIVED OF THEIR BELONGINGS INCLUDING THEIR CARS BY FNLA AND FAZ TROOPS AT BORDER. NEVERTHELESS, ONCE IN ZAIRE THEY HAVE HAD NO PROBLEM.

3. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE IN ITS EFFORTS TO GET MORE COMPREHENSIVE INFO ON REFUGEE PROBLEM. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.
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